



Be A National Park Ranger!

Apply for the Summer 2010

Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program

The Teacher to Ranger to Teacher program provides opportunities for teachers to have exciting, well- rounded work experiences in a National Park as a park ranger. This is the fifth year the National Park Service and teachers throughout Tucson have collaborated in this innovative program. Teachers will work on a variety of different programs and can specialize in one of the following positions:

- Environmental Education, interpretation, and outreach programs (6 positions)
- Resource Management field biologists (1 position)
- Backcountry/Wilderness Management (1 position)
- Trails Youth Corps (1 position)
- Fire Education (1 position)

Environmental Education/Interpretation Teacher Rangers will assist with Junior Ranger Camps, the park's Outreach Program, present interpretive programs, and staff the visitor center information desks. They will develop lesson plans based on their experience for use in the classroom.

The Resource Management Teacher Ranger will engage in field work, such as plant and wildlife monitoring, requiring outdoor work in extreme heat and rugged conditions.

The Backcountry Teacher Ranger will assist with the operation of a backcountry, wilderness campground, conducting routine maintenance and providing visitor services. The incumbent will assist on projects such as resource monitoring, reaseach, fire management and trail work which may require hiking up 12 miles a day. The work location is at Manning Cabin in the Rincon Mountains at 8,000 feet in elevation.

The Trails Youth Corps Teacher Ranger will assist with trail maintenance and construction, resource conservation, and Youth Corps development.

The Fire Education Teacher Ranger will assist with wildland fire education, prevention, and information distrubution, both to the general public and to youth groups.

What is this program about?

This program focuses on teachers from schools that have diverse student populations who have had no experience with national parks or little opportunity to explore the relevance these areas can have in their lives. During the school year Teacher Rangers bring the parks into the classroom by developing and presenting curriculum- based lesson plans that draw on their summer's experience. In April, during National Park Week, Teacher Rangers will wear their NPS uniforms to school, discuss their summer as a park ranger, and engage students and other teachers in activities that relate to America's national parks.

What will I do?

The duties you will perform will depend on which Teacher Ranger position you select. Teachers may work on various projects and activities, including conducting Junior Ranger camps; assisting with interpretive hikes; shadowing park biologists in field studies; camping in the backcountry; writing and reviewing curriculum-based environmental education programs; assisting with trail maintenance; presenting programs on wildland fire prevention; participating in outreach efforts, and staffing the visitor center desk.

What is my commitment?

As a park ranger at Saguaro National Park, teachers will commit to 8 weeks of fun and exciting activities. Some of the positions have flexible schedules with the possibility of fulfilling part of the 8 week commitment by working at various activities and special events throughout the school year. This will be negotiated once the season begins with the Teacher Ranger's NPS supervisor. Teachers are detailed as park rangers to parks through an Inter-governmental Personnel Act (IPA) agreement between their public school district and the National Park Service. A stipend of \$2,400.00 will be paid for participation in the program.

How do I apply?

The program at Saguaro National Park is open to all teachers. Applications will be accepted from December 5, 2009 through January 29, 2010. Selections will be announced by early March, 2010.

To download position descriptions and applications please visit Saguaro National Park's website at: www.nps.gov/sagu/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm

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